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CERTIFIED MAIL

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Re: Truth vs. Lies

Dear Mr. Kaczynski:

Beau Friedlander has shown me the recent correspondence that has passed between you. I think it may be useful if I try to address directly some of the key issues that are currently in play.

The preparation of a manuscript for publication is always a fluid process; and until the final read-through and legal sign-off, the editor's comments have to be taken as, to some extent, provisional. This is because the author's response to one set of comments will affect the context in which the rest of the text will be viewed. Also, in a work of non-fiction, successive editorial comments and suggestions for changes will be affected by changing understandings about the nature and availability of substantiating materials. (An example of this would be the changes we decided were appropriate after we learned, at rather a late date, from our conversation with you and Quin Denvir and Judy Clarke, that an investigator (Scharlette Holdman) had promised some kind of "confidentiality" to Linda Patrik with regard to the details of her sexual history.)

The last set of changes were made only to protect both parties from what could otherwise be too great a risk of legal challenge. In no case did we wish to alter any point you were making, but always we struggled to preserve the sense of your text. I am sure that the purpose for every change we proposed is evident. If you do not like the way we have executed the task, please propose another way of accomplishing the same necessary end. This is your good-faith responsibility under your contract. As it is your agreement under the contract that there will be nothing libellous or which will violate copyright, and as Context will not publish anything which does either, both author and publisher must work with the other to produce a timely and publishable manuscript.

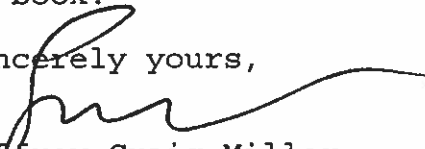
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Once again I reiterate Context's commitment to defraying the cost of an independent legal opinion for you, and to having its attorneys undertake to do all that they could to prevent third-party discovery disclosures that would be damaging to your appeal and trial. We cannot, prematurely, get bogged down in a discussion about your proposed contract amendment which could very well impose open-ended and ruinous expenses on Context in pursuit of the protection of documents even if your application for a new trial were finally denied and the protection issue ultimately moot. Moreover, please bear in mind that the changes that are required are intended precisely to minimize your exposure as well as Context's.

In sum, let us focus first on the manuscript to make it legally publishable. At the end of the day, this is everybody's highest priority. The third week in December would be the latest we should have your version of the changes that are required. I trust you will not withhold your good faith cooperation because you want changes made to your contract, especially at this late stage in the publication of your book.

Sincerely yours,


Jeffrey Craig Miller

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cc: Quin Denvir, Esq.
Beau Friedlander